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December 16, 2009

Mr. James Semmes, Director
Imperial County
Department of Social Services
2995 South Fourth St. #102
El Centro, California 92243

SUBJECT: IMPERIAL COUNTY CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND
RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CalWORKs) PLAN CERTIFICATION

Dear Mr. Semmes:

I am writing to inform you that the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has certified Imperial County's CalWORKs plan amendment request that was submitted on October 9, 2009 (see enclosed). The amendment establishes that Imperial County intends to offer subsidized public sector employment as an available work activity for the program participants. CDSS commends you on your effort and joins you in hoping that your subsidized employment program is successful in increasing client participation and self-sufficiency.

If you have questions about this matter, please call me at (916) 654-3546, or your staff can contact David Van Gee at (916) 651-2049.

Sincerely,

CHARR LEE METSKER
Deputy Director
Welfare to Work Division

c: Ms. Carla E. Moore, Deputy Director, Imperial County Department of Social Services

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County Plan Binder

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Department of Social Services

Memorandum

To: David Van Gee

From: Charlene Sanchez – Admin Secretary

Date: October 9, 2009

Enclosed is your copy of the Board Agenda request and Minute Order #29 for the CalWORKs Plan Addendum – Subsidized Public Employment that was approved by the Board of Supervisors on September 22, 2009.

Subsidized Public Sector Employment

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Manual of Eligibility and Assistance Standards states in 42-716.31 that Welfare-to-Work activities may include subsidized public sector employment.



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The amendment establishes that Imperial County intends to offer subsidized public sector employment as an available work activity for the program participants. The amendment also outlines Imperial County's intent to use Emergency Contingency Funds (ECF) under the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program made available by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

9-22-09

Board of Supervisors
County Administration Center
El Centro, CA 92243

Subject: CalWORKs Plan Addendum – Subsidized Public Employment

Dear Boardmembers:

Background:

In accordance with Federal law, each county must submit a CalWORKs Plan Addendum to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) when a change or modification to the existing plan is being proposed. (See attached All County Letter (ACL) No. 06-46, dated 10-5-06.

In addition to the requirements described in the "Plan Addendum Elements" (See page 6 of above ACL), the addendum must include certification (Attachment 1, page 1) that, prior to submittal, the County Board of Supervisors was briefed regarding the contents of the addendum. We are therefore providing you a copy of the proposed CalWORKs County Plan Addendum which adds a provision for Subsidized Public Employment.

Proposal:

We are proposing to add an additional element of Public Subsidized Employment services that will enable our participants to engage in paid work activities that will help enable them to gain experience to obtain future unsubsidized employment. With the passage of the Federal Stimulus law (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act-ARRA), funding is available under the TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) to provide Emergency Contingency Funds (ECF) for TANF participants engaged in subsidized employment. We therefore are submitting this plan addendum in anticipation of being able to provide these services.

Within 30 days of receipt of the plan addendum, CDSS notify us if the addendum was approved.

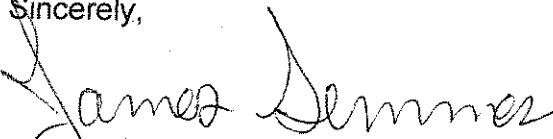
Once the plan is approved, our agency will be submitting a proposal to your Board to implement a Subsidized Employment program in Imperial County.

Requested Action:

We are therefore requesting your Board approve the attached CalWORKs plan addendum for submittal to the California State Department of Social Services.

Should you have any questions, we are available to assist you in providing any clarification desired.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Semmes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "Semmes" clearly legible.

James Semmes, Director
Department of Social Services

cc Carla Moore, Deputy Director, CalWORKs-Welfare to Work Division
David Van Gee, CalWORKs consultant, California Dept. of Social Services

**MINUTE ORDER
OF
IMPERIAL COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Date: September 22, 2009	Book: 355	Page: 090	File #: 600.8	M.O.#: 29
Department: SOCIAL SERVICES			2nd Page:	

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF IMPERIAL, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, on a motion by Supervisor : WYATT , second by Supervisor : KELLEY and approved by the following roll call vote;

AYES : TERRAZAS, KELLEY, WYATT, LEIMGRUBER

NAYES : NONE

ABSTAINED : NONE

EXCUSED OR ABSENT : NONE

Approved CalWORKs Plan Addendum for submittal to the California State Department of Social Services.

Topic: CalWORKs Plan Addendum		X-Topic:	
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Attachment 1

(d) WELFARE-TO-WORK ACTIVITIES

Each county is expected to offer a range of services adequate to ensure that each participant has access to needed activities and services to assist him or her seeking unsubsidized employment. [Reference: WIC Section 11322.7(a)] Pursuant to WIC Section 11322.7(b) "No plan shall require job search and work experience of participants to the exclusion of a range of activities to be offered to recipients." Activities allowed by state law included, but are not limited to, those listed below. Please indicate which of the following activities will be provided and identify any allowable activities that will not be provided. [Reference: WIC Section 10531(d) and WIC Section 11322.6]

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Subsidized Private Sector Employment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self-Employment |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Subsidized Public Sector Employment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Service |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work Experience | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Job Search and Job Readiness Assistance |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-The-Job Training | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Job Skills Directly Related to Employment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Based On-The Job Training | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supported Work |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vocational Educational Training | <input type="checkbox"/> Transitional Employment |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education Directly Related to Employment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Short term non-recurring Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult Basic Education (includes basic Education, GED, ESL) | |